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SUBJ: GENEVA GROUP, ILO AND G-LEVEL SALARIES

1. AT GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL) MEETING ON MARCH 6,
JAPAN TOOK ADVANTAGE OF TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF US
CO-CHAIRMAN (ALTHOUGH ANOTHER US OFFICER WAS PRESENT)
TO REQUEST THAT UK CO-CHAIRMAN CONVENE QUICK MEETING
OF GENEVA GROUP (ILO).

2. GENEVA GROUP (ILO) HAD AGREED UNANIMOUSLY THAT
GENEVA GROUP MEMBERS ON ILO GOVERNING BOARD WOULD
SUPPORT ICSC RECOMMENDATION ON G-LEVEL SALARIES
AND PUSH FOR THEIR IMPLEMENTATION ON THE UN MODEL.
HOWEVER, FRENCH AND ITALIAN GOVERNMENT MEMBERS
THEREAFTER LOBBIED FOR LAST MINUTE BLANCHARD PROPOSAL
TO REFER MATTER TO ILO ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL, AND
UK AND AUSTRALIAN MEMBERS SUPPORTED BLANCHARD.

3. IN MARCH 6 GG MEETING JAPANESE MEMBER DIPLOMATICALLY
BUT CLEARLY EXPRESSED UNHAPPINESS THAT GG RANKS HAD
BEEN BROKEN. FRG AND CANADA STRONGLY SUPPORTED
JAPANESE POINT. FRG REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY THAT
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POSITION HAD NOT BEEN COORDINATED IN CAPITALS. UK
CO-CHAIRMAN APPEARED TO BE ON DEFENSIVE, AND USED
RETURN TO ROOM OF US CO-CHAIRMAN TO TERMINATE
CONSIDERATION OF ILO ITEM.

4. IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE FRG
PROPOSED THAT ITEM 9, THE CARRY-OVER ITEM ON WAYS OF

IMPROVING COORDINATION IN CAPITALS, BE ADDED TO DRAFT
AGENDA FOR MAY 2-3 CONSULTATIVE LEVEL MEETING. PROPOSAL
WAS ENDORSED BY CANADA AND SWITZERLAND AND AGREED TO
BY ALL. VANDEN HEUVEL

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